

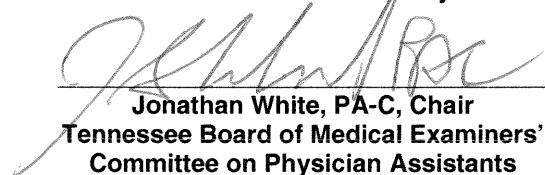
POLICY STATEMENT
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants

PRACTICING ON A LAPSED LICENSE

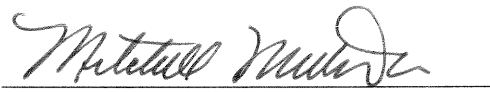
The Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants recognizes that an individual may inadvertently allow his/her license to lapse/expire. However, it is unlawful for an individual to practice medicine as a physician assistant unless he/she has an active license. While the Board and the Committee do not condone an individual working on an expired license, recognition is given to the fact that the problem does exist. As such, the Board and Committee have adopted the following procedures for reinstatement of an expired license.

- Immediately upon recognition that his/her license has expired, the individual must stop practicing and contact the Board's and Committee's Administrative Office to request a reinstatement application.
- Upon receipt of the reinstatement application, the individuals are to complete the application in its entirety, providing a detailed work history, including duties performed, since the license expiration date. The application is to be signed, notarized, and returned to the Board's and Committee's Administrative Office along with any additional information required for the application and the applicable fees.
- Upon receipt of a completed reinstatement application, supporting documentation, including continuing education, and fees, the Board and Committee's administrative office may immediately reinstate a license, which has been in expired status **for less than thirty (30) calendar days**, upon approval from the Board's Consultant.
- If the work history accompanying the reinstatement application reflects that the individual has worked in **excess of thirty (30) calendar days** on an expired license, the Board and Committee will present to the licensee an Agreed Citation which specifies payment of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 per month for every month worked in excess of thirty (30) calendar days from the expiration date.
- This remedy is only available to those physician assistants who have worked on an expired license for less than six (6) months from the date the license went into expired status.
- If the licensee refuses to execute the Agreed Citation and remit the civil penalty described therein within sixty (60) days of the date of the Agreed Citation, the licensee shall be referred to the Office of Investigations and Office of General Counsel for formal disciplinary action.

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners' Committee on Physician Assistants this 16th day of April, 2010.


Jonathan White, PA-C, Chair
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners'
Committee on Physician Assistants

Adopted by the Board of Medical Examiners this 18th day of May 2010.


Mitchell Mutter, M.D., Chair
Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners